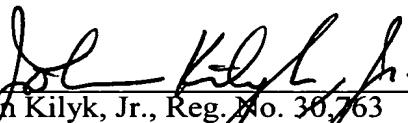


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to place the claims in a format more consistent with U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added by way of these claim amendments. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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